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In re the Application of:

Takayuki HASEBE et al.

Serial No. 09/000,924

Group Art Unit: 2165

Confirmation No.

Filed: December 30, 1997

Examiner: Nguyen, C.

For: DATA PROTECTION SYSTEM, DATA PREPARATION DEVICE, AND DATA WORKING DEVICE

REQUEST FOR EXAMINER INTERVIEW

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on October 17, 2001. A Petition for a 1-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 19, 2001 (November 17, 2001 being a Saturday).

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in view of the Interview Summary mailed October 23, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **REPLACE** claims 1-9, 12-13, 15-16, 18, 20, and 22-23 as follows.

E 1 **1. (FOUR TIMES AMENDED)** A data protection system protecting input data requiring authorization for use against unauthorized use during utilization of the input data, comprising: